

Appl. No. 09/754,034
Amdt. dated January 14, 2004
Reply to Office Action of July 14, 2003

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed July 14, 2003, claims 1 and 23 were said to be directed to an allowable product. Claims 9-19, 26, 28, 32, 35 and 39-49 were said to be encompassed by the patentable product and were rejoined and said to be fully examined for patentability. Claims 24, 26 and 39-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

The Amendments

The specification has been amended to supply patent application serial numbers which were unavailable at the time of filing the above-referenced application. Typographical errors in claims 1 and 23 have been corrected. Claim 24 has been amended to specify cores in Scheme I of the specification. The dependency of claim 36 has been changed from claim 34 to claim 35. The dependency of claim 37 has been changed from claim 34 to claim 23.

No new matter is added by any amendment, and all amendments are supported by the specification and claims as filed.

35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejections

In the Office Action, the core structure in claim 24 was said to need definition. In response, claim 24 has been amended to specify cores from Scheme I.

In the Office Action, the definition of $m + n$ as ranging from 5 to 12 in claim 36 was said to be vague because $m + n = 7$ in claim 34. In response, the dependency of claim 36 has been amended as described above.

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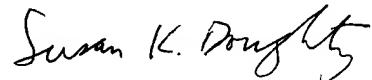
It is believed the rejections are overcome. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections is respectfully requested. If there are any issues remaining to passage of this case to issuance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned.

This response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time (three months) and a check for \$950.00. If the amount submitted is incorrect, however, please credit any overpayments or deduct any deficiency from Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

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